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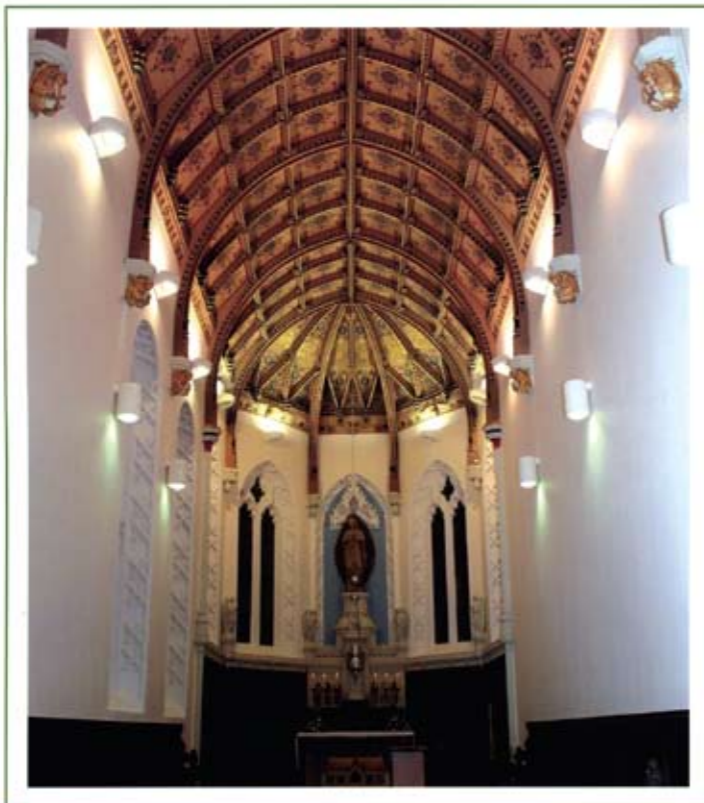
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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**W**ELCOME to our 'new look' Newsletter, the product of much time and effort, particularly by David Mercer, our Editor, and Anthony Eyre, our 'in house' printer ; to them we give our thanks. It is a fine record, and contains many inspiring and interesting articles and reports.

Does this new look herald a change in substance as well as form?

As you will read in our Committee Report, we remembered Fr Pedro Arrupe in this 100th anniversary year of his birth at our last meeting, by examining our aims and activities against the guidelines he gave Jesuit Alumni Associations in 1975. We concluded that those guidelines remain as valid today as when they were set out thirty years ago.

What has changed over the last thirty years is the speed and methods of communication, and the ease of access to information. The Association must make full use of that revolution. Communication is a two way process. The purpose of the Association, inter alia, is to be a 'swap shop' of ideas, finance, manpower, and prayer, of mutual support and courage. Whilst we are also looking at our web site, at the idea of a virtual Sodality, at Facebook, the Newsletter remains our main means of communication, and if it is to have real value, should be as much a Viewsletter as Newsletter.

Our Stonyhurst brand of leadership has a Jesuit stamp, calling for humility in self awareness, for ingenuity in a changing world, for a love which is used to enable and empower others to use their talents to achieve spiritual fulfilment, and for what might be classically seen as 'heroic ambition', the imagination and will to strive to shape an inspiring future, rather than be mere bystanders, allowing the future to happen around us.

That is the ideal that the Association must continue to strive towards, corporately and individually, and in that there is no real change of substance. But perhaps there is a renewed sense of purpose, which this 'new look' Newsletter reflects; we very much hope that you will join the Committee in these renewed efforts. Please let us know how you see the Association's role; give us suggestions as to how we 'can do better'; make use of your Newsletter for letters, articles, reviews. Provoke debate, use it as a forum: please send us your news and views.

Notwithstanding our brave new lay out, we know there is always room for improvement, so we look forward to hearing from you.

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# DIARY OF EVENTS

March 20th - 23rd 2008

## HOLY WEEK RETREAT

For further details and a booking form please contact Mrs Claire Eddleston at [devco@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:devco@stonyhurst.ac.uk), or by telephone: 01254 827014

2nd April 2008

## LONDON CONVIVIUM

A convivium is being arranged for Wednesday 2nd April 2008, at St Mary Moorfields Roman Catholic Church at 4-5 Eldon Street, London, EC2M 7LS. It is intended to have Mass at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments. All OS, parents and their families are very welcome to attend. It would be helpful for catering purposes if you would let the Association Office know if you plan to attend. Further details and a letter of invitation to all those in the area will follow.

April 19th and 20th 2008

## SPORTING WEEKEND

The annual Sporting Weekend will take place at the College, and there will be rugby, soccer, cricket, golf, hockey and netball played. If any OS would like to play in a team, then please contact the Wanderers' representatives whose details are below. On Saturday evening there will be a buffet supper in the Top Ref, and all those who have played will be welcome to attend, along with the pupils and staff who have been involved. Tickets for supper will cost £15.

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Alternatively please contact Adrian Bidwell at the Association Office at: [a.bidwell@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:a.bidwell@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

May 2nd - 4th 2008

## POETRY 1982 REUNION

The reunion in May is being planned for those who left the College in 1982. The weekend starts with arrival on Friday evening at a local hotel. OS will then come to the College on Saturday, when tours of the College and SMH, sporting activities and a buffet lunch will be arranged. Dinner will take place in the Top Ref on Saturday evening, and then following a second night in the hotel there will be Mass on Sunday morning.

We are currently getting a list of contact details together, to ensure that everyone is aware of the weekend. Inevitably we have lost touch with some, so we would be delighted if those of you in touch with OS in your year would pass on the details. Please do advise the Association Office of current postal and email addresses. For further details and a booking form please contact Chris Thorpe at: [christhorpe361@btinternet.com](mailto:christhorpe361@btinternet.com), or the Association Office at: [association@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:association@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

May 18th 2008

## PILGRIMAGE TRUST REUNION

The Lourdes Reunion, to be held at Stonyhurst, will be the occasion for the consecration of the Rosary Garden (see article).



August 22nd - 29th 2008

## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 150th Anniversary of the Apparitions

Large numbers are expected to commemorate the anniversary. Information packs and booking forms will be sent out in January. Should you be thinking of coming please contact Mrs Beverley Sillitoe at the Association Office for further details and a booking form, at: [association@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:association@stonyhurst.ac.uk) or by telephone: 01254 827043

September 20th 2008

## STONYHURST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

The dinner will be held at The Botanical Gardens in Birmingham, when the President will be Dr Jay Chitnis OS50 and the Guest of Honour will be Bruce Kent OS46. The booking form will be sent out with the Annual Report & Accounts in April.



Above:  
*The Botanical Gardens, Birmingham*

October 11th - 12th 2008

## POETRY 1983 REUNION

The reunion in October is the 25th anniversary for those who left the College from Poetry 1983. We are currently planning this event and would be delighted to hear from any OS who would like to come along. Mark Hurst and Anthony Chitnis are organising the reunion and their contact details are: Mark: [mark.hurst@hdak-uk.com](mailto:mark.hurst@hdak-uk.com) Anthony: [a.chitnis@ipsgroup.co.uk](mailto:a.chitnis@ipsgroup.co.uk)

# CONGRATULATIONS

## BIRTHS

**Simon Cullinan OS 89-94** and his wife Amparo had a daughter Beatriz on the 30th July 2007.

**Justin Whyatt OS 83-91** and his wife are pleased to announce the birth of their first son, Fynn Caolan on 9th August 2007.

## MARRIAGES

**Matthew Fegan OS 96-01** married Heather McCleod on 14th July 2007 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In attendance were **Khalil Kseib OS 96-01** (groomsman), **Liam Aye Maung OS 97-01** (groomsman) and **James Maitland OS 96-01**.

**Inigo de Noriega OS 88-93** was married to Ms Cristina Herce in Nuestra Señora de Gracia church in Zaragoza on 28th October 2006. Other OS present were **Timothy Harrison OS 88-93**, **Rickard O'Connell OS 88-93** and **Juan Gomez-Cuetara OS 91-93**.

**James Cox OS 88-93** was married on 15th June 2007, to Miss Nicola Roode at St Peter's in Fremington, North Devon. OS attendees were **Dom Murphy OS 84-93** (Best Man), **Oliver Wraight OS 88-93**, **James Doyle OS 88-93**, **Will Cooper OS 85-93**, **Alex Mansell-Hope OS 83-93** and **Fergus Thursby-Pelham OS 88-93**.

**Conor Hill OS 94-99** married Charity Andrzejewski in Herscher, Illinois, on July 14th 2007, at St Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic Church. **James Hill OS 92-97** was best man, **Cash Kern OS 98-93**, **Patrick Hill OS 97-02** and **Joseph Hill SJ, OS 95-00** were groomsmen. Photo below: the wedding party.



## ORDINATIONS AND VOWS

On August 14th, 2006, **Joseph Hill SJ, OS 95-00** took his first vows as a member of the Society of Jesus in Grand Coteau, Louisiana after completing two years' novitiate as a member of the Southern province of the United State Jesuits. He is currently studying philosophy as a Jesuit scholastic at Fordham University, New York City.

## IN MEMORIAM

News of the deaths of the following OS has been received since the last issue of the Newsletter.

Vincent Charles Raleigh St Lawrence  
OS 30-35

Jean Ryan  
Associate Member

Alexander James Mayhew  
OS 86-91

Eric Fieth  
OS 26-33

Simon William Barrow  
OS 50-60

John Folds Storey  
OS 27-31

Christopher Armin Schutz  
OS 51-60

John Brennan Wright  
OS 43-47

George Edmund Arrowsmith  
OS 25-32

Robert Patrick Boyd  
OS 55-65

John Francis Edmund Keenan  
OS 41-45

Timothy Daniel John Roseveare  
OS 02-04

John Albert Riding  
OS 49-58

David Hurst  
Associate Member

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

*Friends or next of kin, who wish to write the usual obituary for the Stonyhurst Magazine, are invited to contact David Knight at the College.*



WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO Fr Geoffrey Holt who, on 12 December, became the longest living Jesuit in the Province since 1803. We understand that he is also the longest lived since the Province began in 1623. He entered the Society of Jesus on 7 September 1930.

Geoffrey was born 27 April 1912 and ordained 12 September 1945. He taught at Corby School, Sunderland and Mount St Mary's, Spinkhill, as well as Stonyhurst (1940-42 and 1950-66). After this he became the Assistant Province Archivist and Historian, becoming a Fellow the Society of Antiquarians of London in 1973 and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in 1983. He lectured in Church History at St John's Seminary, Wonersh, from 1974-79 and was made the Province's Archivist in 1986.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO Brian Ashton, England Rugby coach and former coach at the College, who was awarded the MBE in the New Years Honours.

## TIMOTHY ROSEVEARE'S FUNERAL

TIMOTHY (OS 2004) was buried on the 22nd October at Kenilworth, following his tragic death earlier that month. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr Anthony Curren, University Chaplain at Durham, where Timothy was a student, and the burial was led by Fr Matthew Power SJ. More than a coach-full of Durham students travelled to Kenilworth, to join a large number of Tim's Stonyhurst friends who had travelled from as far as Sweden. The sung funeral was a moving experience, with a touching eulogy by Matthew Wright, a close friend of Tim's since childhood in Zimbabwe. Tim was buried at the graveyard near to his family home to the sound of the Stonyhurst *Pater Noster*.

# CORRESPONDENCE

## GUYANA

Can anyone help **Peter Britt-Compton SJ, OS 31-36**, who writes from deepest Guyana for news of some contemporaries.

SS Cosmas and Damian  
26 September 2007

Dear Sir,

The Peace of Christ,

This is to say thank you for the most welcome gifts over the past few years of the Association Newsletter and accompanying folder of school events, and indeed of the special Prayerbook which I received a year or so ago. I find at this time it gives me the greatest of pleasure to read of the wonderful developments which have taken place since I last lived and worked there. The way in which the buildings have been so well carried out in extensions and reuse of older facilities is excellent too.

Having been visited by an unknown O.S. from London at St Ignatius by Lethem here I have been wondering if there may be any news of some of my old classmates and contemporaries available in your records over the period 1931-36 and '46-47 of the following; Peter Robinson, Michael Slater, John Jervis, Ferris, Edridge brothers, Matthew Edwards, Polignac, and later in the 40s Lefebure or Lefebvre. If it is not too much work I would be very grateful to know what became of any of them. So once again, very many thanks,

I am,

Yours in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Peter Britt-Compton SJ

*Peter can be contacted at:  
St Robert Bellarmine, Aishalton,  
Via Lethem, South Savannahs,  
Rupununi, Essequibo 9, Guyana,  
South America.*

This month two young OS – Patrick Page and Giles Rous-Eyre (Rhetoric 2007) – leave for six months in Guyana, working with the Xavier Volunteer Programme; no doubt they will make contact.

## DUBLIN

**CONOR A DALY OS 73-78** wrote, unfortunately too late for the last newsletter, to tell us that he was organising a concert for **Jonathan Plowright OS 73-78** at the National Gallery of Ireland in November and suggested that it was a good time for OS to visit Dublin.

It was a recital of solo piano works by Polish Romantic composers, Chopin, Paderewski and Stojowski and was meant to co-incide with an exhibition of *Paintings from Poland – From Symbolism to Modern Art (1880-1939) – Two generations of Polish Painting* which is running at the National Gallery from 16 October to 27 January 2008.



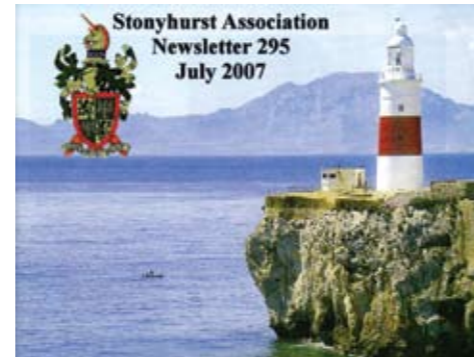
## ANZAC

THE ARTICLE about the XXX Cross-Country Invitation in the last newsletter prompted **Peter Fattorini OS 51-60** to give us news of his son **Anthony OS 84-93** who lives in Australia and who otherwise would have attended the event. He was Captain of Cross Country at the College and is still doing well. He recently won one of the toughest Australian ultras – the Six Foot Track – against 800 runners and broke the record which had stood for 15 years.

We have just heard that he came third, for the second year in a row, in the Kepler Challenge, a 60 km mountain event in New Zealand.



## GIBRALTAR



THE COVER of the last newsletter was not the usual view most people have of Gibraltar but it was recognised as its birth place by **John David Cluett OS 48-56** who also gave further details about Stonyhurst and Gibraltar.

He says that the reference to 'a Jesuit visiting Gibraltar in the late nineteenth century' could well be **Fr Weld**, who is cited in 'The Rock under a Cloud' by Charles Caruana (Silent Books, ISBN 185183015) as having been sent by Rome... He also stated that Bishop Canilla was the person responsible for the devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes in Gibraltar, and that he took his very sick brother Sebastian in a deep coma to Lourdes where he was instantly and miraculously cured in the fountain at the Grotto. **Dr Gonzalo Canilla** mentioned in the Newsletter was the son of Sebastian Canilla and went to Stonyhurst in or about 1886 which must have been about the same time as **Richard, Horace and Ernest Parodi**. Dr Canilla had two daughters and one son. The elder daughter married William John Cluett and their two sons **Gonzalo and John David** both went to Stonyhurst. The other daughter married Ernest Isola mentioned in the Newsletter. All four cousins Gonzalo, John David, Charles and Francis were at Stonyhurst at the same time.

Another OS with Gibraltar connections is **Kenneth H. Light OS 48-54** who married Pepita Montegrifo and now lives in Brazil.

John David Cluett has lived in South Africa since 1981, working for South African Breweries Ltd but now retired still keeps busy consulting in the brewing industry and as Chairman of the Africa Section of the Institute of Brewing and Distilling.

## MALAYSIA

### A FRIEND IN DEED



IN OCTOBER 2007 Ben Lim OS 95-00 (younger brother of Joey OS 92-96) sent us the sad news of the death of their grandfather Lim Goh Tong, a prominent Malaysian Chinese businessman, whose family hosted a group of Stonyhurst pupils two years ago when they visited the Genting Highlands, the magnificent tourist complex some 35 miles outside Kuala Lumpur.

The idea of building a hilltop resort came to Lim Goh Tong in 1964. He saw the business potential of a mountain resort not too far from the city and found the ideal location at Genting Sempah.

The challenge was formidable: the road to the peak took four years to complete. The resort was opened in 1971 and soon became the Las Vegas of South East Asia. The Genting Highlands has since expanded with the addition of hotels, theme parks, a golf course, convention centre and most recently, the Genting 'Skyway' cable car to take visitors direct to the peak with spectacular views across the rain forest.

It was in June 2006 that a Stonyhurst group experienced themselves the thrill of the Skyway ride and the excitement of all the attractions Genting has to offer. The group, made up of members of two Stonyhurst netball teams, was generously welcomed by the Lim family. Lim Goh Tong's grandson Ben gave the pupils a full tour of the Genting experience and a welcome they will never forget. The visit to the Genting Highlands was a memorable day: thrilling rides, panoramic views, simulated sky diving, followed by dinner and a show.

It was with great sadness that these pupils received the news of Ben and Joey's loss. Ben simply summed up the founder of Genting as 'a great international icon and a great grandfather...'. Four days later a crowd of 10,000 accompanied the family on his grandfather's final journey, such was the high regard in which Lim Goh Tong was held.

May he rest in peace.

# REUNIONS AND CONVIVIA



20TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION, LONDON 9TH AUGUST 2007.

*The photograph was sent to us by Michael O'Maoileoin OS 82-87. It was the first time some of them had met for over 20 years and he said more would have been there if they had not been overseas or on holiday.*

## NOTTINGHAM CONVIVIAM

*Sarah Knight OS 87-89 writes:*

The end of November always presents as a hectic time of year with preparations for the end of term and the festive round of parties and gatherings. It was at this point in the calendar that the Nottingham Convivium was held in the evening on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2007. Despite the competition of other engagements an impressive crowd attended.

The setting was the beautiful building of Newdigate House on Castle Gate in Nottingham, home to The Nottingham Club (formerly known as the United Services Club). A house-style mass launched the evening and was celebrated by Father Adrian Howell SJ (OS 55-64). There is always something especially spiritual about such small, intimate masses and this was no exception. OS from a range of years were gathered in prayer in the company of others who had taken the enormous trouble to travel

down from the College, including the Headmaster, Mr Andrew Johnson, Mr Adrian Bidwell (OS 69-74) and Mr David Knight.

We were particularly fortunate to be able to welcome our current Association President, Mr Mark Belderbos (OS 56-61) and his wife, who just happened to be on holiday in the region.

Following Mass, the volume of sound within the Club increased as wine flowed freely, news was exchanged and memories were shared. Young OS from the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University attended and age was no barrier in mingling.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for members of the Stonyhurst family in the East Midlands region to congregate and catch up.

# RHETORIC '97 REUNION

ADRIAN KING, FORMER HEAD OF THE LINE

THE TEN YEAR REUNION FOR former pupils of the college who attended between 1992 and 1997 was held on the weekend of the 13th October. Old Boys and Girls arrived at the college around lunchtime on Saturday for a buffet lunch and a brief catch up before being taken on a guided tour to see how things had changed over the last ten years. Some of the OS made the familiar journey up the avenue to the Bayley Arms for some further reminiscing, whilst others remained to chat with current staff. The highlight of the weekend was a black tie dinner held in the Top Refectory. Before dinner there was an opportunity to meet the new Headmaster Mr Andrew Johnson, the new Deputy Head Mr Gordon Brown and College Chaplain Fr John Twist SJ. Over fifty OS, staff and friends gathered for this opportunity to renew old friendships. Among the notable attendees were OS who had travelled considerable distances, Ronnel Armengol from Zambia, James

Hill from Florida and Simon Breetzke from South Africa. The former Head of the Line, Adrian King, gave a witty and well received speech followed by Mr Peter Ansell who replied with some very touching words about our years at the college. There was the small matter of a Rugby World Cup quarterfinal, so after dinner people adjourned to the AV room to catch the second half and a very exciting outcome.

The party continued back at the hotel and as a result there was a slightly depleted attendance at Mass on Sunday morning. However the OS who did attend were in fine singing voice. After coffee and final farewells the OS disbanded and made their way home. The event was an outstanding success and I am sure that all who attended would like me to pass on their thanks to the college for their hospitality. I also would like to thank the Association and all the people who put in so much time and effort to organise such an enjoyable weekend.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REUNIONS

During past years we have organised many reunions at the College and assisted with those planned elsewhere. It has been decided due to the growing popularity of these events, and the demands of the College calendar, to concentrate on 25 and 15 year reunions, being held generally in May and October respectively.

There are already plans being made for this coming year, 1982 in May 2008 and 1983 in October 2008. We have already sown the first seeds for May 2009 with a reunion for those who left between 1950 and 1959.

If your 25<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> year reunion then falls in 2009, 2010 or even 2011 and you would be interested in galvanising your year into action then do let us know. It is never too soon! The Association Office can assist with postal addresses and emails, but we are not always informed of changes, therefore any help you can provide with new details is always gratefully accepted.

Please contact Beverley Sillitoe at [association@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:association@stonyhurst.ac.uk) if you feel that you would like to be involved.

### CONVIVIA

We are planning a cycle of convivia around the UK, with the intention of holding two each year. We are hoping to hold one in London and one either in the North/Scotland or the Midlands, rotating each year. We are currently planning one for London during the spring term, and it would be hoped to arrange the Northern one later.

We would be happy to hear from OS who may like to suggest venues, and be happy to assist with the organisation. The usual format would be to start with Mass, and then have refreshments afterwards. We would like always to invite the Headmaster, the Jesuit Superior and the College Chaplain to attend so we need to plan dates in advance to try and ensure that they would be available.

Please do contact the Association Office if you have any suggestions and can offer assistance.

## A HUNDRED YEARS AGO...



- ... Global Warming does not seem to be a problem...see photos.
- ... Major R Chichester-Constable is President of the Stonyhurst Association
- ... the Cadet Corps visits Warrington for the unveiling of a statue of Col McCarthy O'Leary OS and use the butts of their rifles to control the crowds.
- ... Lt-Col P A Kenna VC, DSO given command of the 21<sup>st</sup> Lancers as full Colonel and appointed ADC to HM the King.
- ... Colonel S C Scrope lately started a pack of hounds in Wensleydale
- ... a plea is made in a letter for an OS tie to be produced – a hat band is not enough
- ... a fine display of the Aurora Borealis is unfortunately hidden by clouds at the College
- ... a salmon of 32 lbs is caught in the Hodder – the largest for twenty years.
- ... northern newspapers carried the story that two live rattlesnakes were among the contents of a mailbag opened by the postmaster at Whalley. It was thought that they were consigned from America to a student at Stonyhurst College and escaped from their package en route.



## Charlie Saccarello

### Memorial Rugby Match

Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2007

Stonyhurst Old Boys v Worth Old Boys



**C**HARLIE SACCARELLO WAS A Worth Old Boy: he was educated at the Benedictine school in East Sussex, sister abbey to Downside. Having said that, Saccarello is not exactly an unknown name at Stonyhurst: he had many friends at the College and amongst OS. He sadly died ten years ago, and to mark the date of his death around two hundred friends and family gathered at Worth to attend both a memorial mass and rugby match.

As Worth and Stonyhurst are not on the same schools' rugby circuit, both teams went into the game not really knowing what to expect from the other. It was apparent before kick off that this game had a little more edge than recent OS fixtures: Stonyhurst sang a *Pater Noster* which was later described by the opposition as "intimidating", and there was a one minute silence in memory of Charlie.

For eighty minutes both teams smashed each other! Each player who stepped onto the pitch was totally committed and passionate about wearing their schools' colours. It was very pleasing to see a number of the slightly older generation playing, and as always the committed rugby that all OS have hidden away was soon evident as was the common bond between each player.

Stonyhurst had a simple but effective game plan: soak up the pressure, work tirelessly in the forwards and throw it wide when the time was right. Worth as expected came out all guns blazing. They camped in the Stonyhurst half and soon took an early score. Stonyhurst

battled hard in the first half, Winton De St John-Pryce kept the front row strong when the pressure was on, Anthony Rogerson constantly put his body on the line and Paul Howard played a sensible game at No. 10, realising the backs' time would come in the second half. In truth the 8-3 score line to Worth at half time, was a small victory as they had become frustrated with the Stonyhurst defence.

Changes were made and the same commitment followed. Worth began to tire, suddenly Stonyhurst were on the front foot and looking confident with ball in hand. Both Garcias either found or smashed their way over the game line, Lamb squeezed his way around the break down, Dipo swatted anything in his path, and whenever Worth cleared, Robinson came hurtling back towards them from fullback. The forwards now had the upper hand: Rodriguez and Ashworth were hurting Worth as they

constantly stole good ball which the backs soon scored from. Two almost identical tries were scored by Kehoe and Bousfield, both length-of-the-field, free flowing moves which touched a number of players' hands on the way to the Line. In the space of five minutes Stonyhurst had turned the game around and now led 13-8.

The onslaught from Worth soon arrived. For nearly ten minutes Stonyhurst stood strong on the try line. To Worth's credit they gave it everything but to no avail, the pack stood strong when it was needed the most and the game was won!

Thank you to Dipo Alli and Rob Cottrell who organised the squads, the Isolais and John Kehoe who sponsored the kit and to all the players and spectators who made the weekend a success. There was talk about doing the same fixture next year, I am keen—anyone else?



THE RUGBY SEVENS will take place on the OS Sporting Weekend, 19-20 April 2008. The aim of the tournament is predominantly social: it is hoped we will have two groups of four teams, comprising four OS teams and four guest teams. The top two in each group will progress into the Cup and the bottom two into the Bowl.

Cup and Bowl for winners in the first and second groups and various

other shenanigans will be awarded after the tournament in the College's Top Refectory. All then report to the Bayley Arms, Hurst Green for a couple of swift halves.

DATE – 19<sup>th</sup>/20 April 2008 (Exact day of the tournament to be confirmed)

Price per Team - £50

Please contact me ASAP if you wish to enter a team—vaghetti586@hotmail.com.

## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Here is an extract from *The Story of One Brancardier* by Fr Nick King SJ, OS 60-66:

**T**HE FIRST TIME THAT I CAME to Lourdes, I swore that I should never go there again. It was the summer of 1963, and I was a boy of 16 or 17 staying with a French family not far from Lyons; we came to Lourdes for the day, and I think it may have been the feast of the Assumption. Certainly Lourdes was very crowded and I had eyes only for the superstition and the commercialism that has always been a part of this place and I swore that I should never return. However the next year, the school that I attended, the English Jesuit College of Stonyhurst organised its own pilgrimage and for reasons that I still do not understand, I knew that I must go, and emptied my post office account to pay the enormous sum of £27 ten shillings. It seemed to me then money well spent (is that perhaps what we mean by *benevolat?*), and from that trip I was hooked...

**We hope to make the Easter Supplement 2008 a special feature about the Stonyhurst Lourdes Pilgrimage and therefore invite contributions from former and present pilgrims and other interested parties.**

**Photographs would be welcome and articles about the pilgrimages, or the helpers or the sick, especially personal experiences, may be of interest and everything will be considered.**

*Below: The Visitation, detail, from Salve Regina, St Omers Press*



*Construction of 'Rosary Garden' at Stonyhurst*

**A**S YOU WILL ALL BE AWARE, we will, in 2008 be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Blessed lady to St Bernadette in Lourdes. It will be a very special year, and one of great joy and celebration for all those in any way associated with Lourdes.

It seemed appropriate that the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust should mark this very special anniversary, and it has therefore been decided, with the full support of the College and the Stonyhurst Association, to construct a Rosary Garden at the College. The site of the Rosary garden will be immediately to the front of the new Jesuit accommodation at the College, which is located within the former Infirmary building, namely adjacent to the left-hand lawn at the front of the College building.

The design of the Rosary Garden has been determined, and the construction work has already commenced, supervised by Mark Leyland (Head Gardener) and Adrian Bidwell (Stonyhurst Association Secretary). The Garden will consist of a number of rose beds, arranged in the shape of a Cross, with a central area containing a statue of Our Lady. The central area will include five benches (one for each decade of the Rosary), for quiet prayer and meditation.

As you will appreciate, there will be some cost involved in the provision of

the roses and other plants or shrubs, and the statue, benches and other materials. It is anticipated that the total cost will be in the region of £4000.

It is not possible to use the funds of the "Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust" for the purpose of the construction of the Rosary Garden since such a project does not fall within the stated charitable objects and purposes of the Trust, as recorded in the Trust Deed of the Charity and as registered with the Charity Commission. It is therefore hoped that pilgrims, both past and present, who have taken part in the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage to Lourdes over a number of years, will be willing to make a contribution, so far as they are able, to cover the costs which will be involved.

**If you should wish to make a contribution, then it would be appropriate to send a cheque, payable to "Stonyhurst Charitable Fund", to our Pilgrimage Trust Secretary at the College:-**

**Mrs Beverley Sillitoe, Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 9PZ.**

If all goes well, it is hoped that we will be able to arrange an opening ceremony, for the Rosary Garden, on the date of the Pilgrimage Trust Reunion, on the 18th May 2008.

*Photo: Adrian Bidwell (OS 74) with some Lower Grammar 'volunteers'.*

# BONGO & BOMBAY BALLS

EDMUND PAGE & HAMISH REID

*Following their experiences with the Xavier Volunteer Programme Edmund Page and Hamish Reid (both OS 04) decided to follow up their gap year work with fund raising Balls at their universities, St Andrews and Durham.*

## THE BONGO BALL 20th March 2007

**T**HIS YEAR WE ORGANISED the Bongo Ball in the Golf Hotel St Andrews to raise money for the Jesuit Mission in Dodoma, Tanzania. I was welcomed into their community in June 2006 to help teach in Ignatius Primary School, where the Jesuits are maintaining a very high level of education for underprivileged children, despite inadequate funding.

There are many people in this community suffering from AIDS and it is particularly tragic when you meet children who are infected because it could have been prevented even though they never had a say in the matter. AIDS causes so many more problems than the physical effects of the syndrome because it wipes out the economic powerbase leaving families of children and elderly with limited means of income or support. These children then resort to employment to support the rest of the family, often knowing that the same fate awaits them as that which they have seen



*The Bongo Ball Comittee, l to r: Ali Robertson (OS 2004), Edmund Page (OS 2004) and Ryan Stokes (OS 2005)*

Malaria still claims more victims than AIDS around here and every week so far one of the Fathers here has had to bury a child in the parish that has gone to an early grave in this way. Fr Sossy says that lack of education remains the biggest problem because with sufficient education even the tragedies caused by AIDS and Malaria could eventually be eliminated. It would also mean that this relatively prosperous area would reap the fruits it deserves.

This is why the Jesuits here are putting so much focus on education as the primary way of empowering the people at the same time as inspiring them through parish activities and celebrations.

At the Bongo Ball we were entertained by Freddy Macha and the Kituto Band who are big names in Dodoma and made the journey from London to St Andrews especially to play for us. We had two more live bands, and other features such as face-painting, hair-dying and laughing gas. Each guest was given a

plate of traditional Tanzanian food and sufficient amounts of the African drink, Amarula.

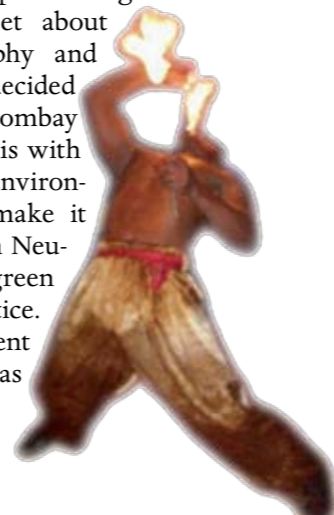
Through the Bongo Ball we raised over £3000 for Ignatius Primary School which covers the cost of twenty five children's education for one year. This was through ticket sales and generous sponsorship and donations, including support from LTC and the Association. *Edmund Page*

## THE BOMBAY BALL 17th November 2007

**A**FTER LEAVING STONYHURST in 2004, Edmund Page and I spent five months with the Indian Jesuits in rural southern India, arranged by the Xavier Volunteer Programme, a Jesuit initiative offering Jesuit Alumni the opportunity to develop their commitment to be "Men and Women for others". We had a very happy and rewarding time, doing a variety of work, from teaching to building a village kindergarten. On leaving India, we committed ourselves to raising money to help support their excellent work. Edmund arranged a ball in his first year at St Andrews, raising £3,000; he repeated this in his second year, raising the same sum for the Jesuits in Tanzania (see his report on the Bongo Ball).

Recently our Jesuit Superior in India, Fr Anil D' Mello, emailed to say he'd been posted to a new community near Bangalore, which was suffering extreme poverty and is in need of serious funding. I realised it was time to fulfil my commitment, and after taking four pages of notes from Edmund on 'How to put on a good Ball', I set about

applying his philosophy and ideas at Durham. I decided on an Indian themed 'Bombay Ball', and combined this with my passion for the environment by aiming to make it Durham's first 'Carbon Neutral Ball', putting green principles into practice. This aspect of the event was relatively simple as



Durham University is on a 100% renewable energy contract, so the only carbon emissions were from deliveries, food and drink, which were offset by the planting of a number of oak trees in the college grounds where the ball was held. I secured a free 400 capacity venue courtesy of my college, St Hild and St Bede, and secured significant sponsorship, notably from the graduate recruitment program, Teach First, who provided the most they have ever offered to a non targeted event. I established a committee of



thirty friends keen to be involved, and organised them to cover all aspects of the event. After six weeks of preparation, the event passed off very successfully; the entertainment, food and decoration all received very positive feedback, and a number of OS travelled from as far as London and Aberdeen to support us.

We were delighted to raise just over £3,000 pounds, £2,500 of that will go to the work of Fr Anil in Anekal in Bangalore, whilst £500 will go to the John Bradburne Memorial Society, a charity that supports a leprosy settlement in rural Zimbabwe, to which *Learning to Care* have made donations in the past.

Edmund and I would be delighted to help OS at other universities set up similar fundraising events, and to talk to any OS, current pupils, or their parents, about the Xavier Volunteer Programme, a wonderful way to spend the year after school in putting into practice the ideals we were taught at the College.

*Hamish Reid*

*Below: Hamish Reid OS on his gap year with XVP in India.*



## ST GILES TRUST FOR CHILDREN

BRENDAN ROCHE

The Trust was founded in Oxford in the early 1980s under the auspices of OS such as Ronan Treacy, Henry Lubienski, Simon and Matthew Power, Finbar O'Callaghan and Paul Byrne. The OS connection remains strong with Chris Atkin, Eddy Newton and myself among the current trustees. Over the years we have run holidays at Rye St Anthony School in Oxford, on Caldy Island (for Bristol children from deprived backgrounds), in Ross-on-Wye and for the last 20 years or so at Ampleforth College for children with special needs from the Middlesbrough area. We ran one holiday in 2007, which took place at Ampleforth at the end of July and was a great success. We usually take 15 children on holiday and have about 16 helpers. The programme we follow will be familiar to all those who have been involved in children's weeks at Stonyhurst: A number of trips to local theme parks, regular swim sessions, daily Mass (said by the wonderful Fr Christopher Gorst OSB) and lots of free play. Next year's Ampleforth holiday starts on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008. We are looking for helpers who can commit themselves several months in advance (to allow for Criminal Records Bureau checks to be carried out). Any donations will be gratefully accepted (please send to me at 8 Blenheim Road, St Albans, AL1 4NR).



## EAGLE AID

We shall have a full feature about Eagle Aid, the fundraising and charitable arm of the British Jesuit Alumni, in our next Newsletter.

We strongly recommend all our members to give Eagle Aid every support, and to become recipients of its newsletter (contact Michael Gorman, O.S., at Eagle Aid, FREEPOST, Woking, Surrey GU22 0BR; email [mcg\\_eagleaid@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mcg_eagleaid@yahoo.co.uk)). The November newsletter features articles about projects in Zimbabwe (in particular the work of Michael's Stonyhurst contemporary, Fr Gerald McCabe SJ, in the Stoma Therapy and Wounds Clinic in Harare), soup runs for the London homeless, the Landmine victims in Kosovo, and the Nar Jeeran home in Kolkata. There is also an account of the Eagle Aid pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which included visits to projects that are supported by Eagle Aid.

# OSCAR ROMERO

FROM SJ NEWS

THE CURATOR AT STONYHURST College, Jan Graffius, has visited San Salvador to begin the delicate task of examining the vestments worn by 20th century martyr Monseñor Oscar Romero when he was assassinated as he celebrated Mass. She was there at the invitation of the Carmelite sisters who run the Hospital of the Divine Providence, where Archbishop Romero lived and where he was murdered, and of the eminent theologian, Fr Jon Sobrino SJ, who runs the Romero Pastoral Centre at the University of Central America.

Jan's role was to advise on the conservation and display of the relics of Monseñor Romero and the six Jesuit theologians of the University of Central America (UCA) who were murdered by the Salvadoran Army in 1989. The trip had been arranged through Julian Filochowski, for many years Director of Cafod, who has worked with the Jesuits and Monseñor Romero since the late 1970s to promote the cause of peace and justice in a country torn apart by war and repression for many years. Although

there is now peace, it is still a divided and poverty-stricken country and, today, the death rate in San Salvador is greater than during the war as a result of gangs and the ever present scourge of drugs.

'Thousands of teenagers are left to care for elderly grandparents and younger siblings', Jan reports, 'as their

papers, photographs and most importantly, the vestments and clothes he was wearing when he was shot. These hang separately from the other possessions and are in need of proper supports to help preserve the thin cotton fabric which is soaked in dried blood.

If, as is expected, Monseñor Romero is beatified in the near future, the hospital will become an even more important centre of pilgrimage than it is at present. The sisters have invited Jan to return early next year to make changes to the displays.

Jan's visit was organised through the Archbishop Romero Trust which is supported by the British Jesuits. The Trust's objectives are:

• To promote knowledge and awareness of the life and work of Archbishop Romero.

• To encourage and organise prayer services and memorial liturgies annually on the anniversary of his death.

• To provide support to human rights and social justice initiatives in Latin America which carry forward the tradition of his work.

- To find out more, visit: [www.romerotrust.org.uk](http://www.romerotrust.org.uk)

parents have gone to the USA in an attempt to earn some money to support the family, thus effectively preventing a generation of young people from studying in the hope of improving their situation. Despite this, I was welcomed wherever I went with great courtesy and generous hospitality, both on my own account as a visitor, but more so as I was there because of Monseñor Romero, who is revered and deeply loved by the poor of the country.'

Jan spent many hours working in the three small rooms at the Cancer Hospital of the Carmelite Sisters where Archbishop Romero lived in great simplicity. Close by is the chapel where he was murdered on 24 March 1980.

'I was privileged to be able to hear Mass there where pilgrims come daily



# JESUIT CONNECTIONS

FRANCIS RAINSFORD

Francis Rainsford OS 66–71, our man in Peru, was asked recently by the Jesuit Community for an article about historical links between Stonyhurst and that country. Francis was born in Kidderminster and moved to Arequipa in 1991 where he has built up a business dedicated to the commercialisation of wool and camelid hair as well as the representation of textile products and textile consultancies. He is a regular contributor to 'Cronicas', the ex-alumni magazine of Arequipa's Jesuit College, San Jose. Following a suggestion originally made by Fr Freddy Turner SJ, he has researched the origins of a famous OS and a curious set of portraits in the Arundell Library.

IN THE 19TH CENTURY, THE school prided itself on producing gentlemen philosophers — Philosophers were in fact students pursuing a course of advanced education at a time when Catholics were forbidden by English law or papal prohibition from attending the universities of Oxford or Cambridge.

One of the College's most distinguished philosophers was a native of Arequipa, Eduardo Lopez de Romana, who after commencing his schooling at the San Jeronimo Seminary, was sent to England aged 12, together with his older brother by two years, Alejandro. Their younger brother Juan, also attended the College, but a few years later. Eduardo started in the College's annexe for younger boys, Hodder in 1859 before studying Humanities in the College until 1865 when he went on to the University of London's Kings' College to read engineering.

During his time at Stonyhurst, he received regular letters from his father,

Juan Manuel Lopez de Romana, recounting the volatile political changes that were occurring in Arequipa, and Peru in general.

In 1868, he took a post with the Whitby and Redcar Railway Company where he specialised in the building and repair of bridges until finally returning to Peru in 1874, continuing to work in agricultural and engineering circles before joining the Civilista Party and pursuing a political career. He served as Peru's 29th President from 1899-1903, establishing what historians refer to as the 'Aristocratic Republic'.

Referring to his presidency, Dr F B Pike, Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania in the USA, sums up the achievements of Eduardo Lopez de Romana in one sentence, 'Lopez de Romana was the soul of integrity.'

THE ARUNDELL LIBRARY possesses a set of portraits of the Incas which were donated in the 1870s by another Peruvian,

Joseph Goyaneche, who studied at the College from 1856 to 1858.

The set, in the Europeanised Peruvian style adapted by the Jesuit missionaries from the indigenous style of painting of the late 16th century, comprises a group of sixteen original portraits from about 1760 and which are based on a series of life-size paintings which were in Cuzco in the early part of the 18th century. Fourteen portraits are of the Incas and one is of Mama-Ocllo Huacco (wife of Manco-Capac) and one is of Don Francisco Pizarro, Conqueror of Peru.

The portrait of Mama-Ocllo Huacco has been identified by academics as a possible portrait of a cousin of St Ignatius Loyola who in the late 1500s, married into the Incan Royal Family in Peru.

As for me, little did I think during my years at Stonyhurst College and gazing upon the portraits of the Incas that one day I would be living in Arequipa adding an English weft to the Peruvian warp in the Jesuit tapestry that unites us all.



Left: Eduardo Lopez de Romana OS 1859–65, 29th President of Peru.

Right: the portrait of Mama-Ocllo Huacco donated to the College by Joseph Goyaneche OS 1856–58, and now hanging in the Arundell Library.





# MULLAH OS

TIM ALBONE IN PESHAWAR

*John Butt OS 66–68, the Muslim chaplain at Cambridge University, takes on radicals with a radio show he has started to broadcast to Afghanistan and Pakistan*

FROM DEBATING IN THE cloisters of Cambridge to defying fanatics across the wilds of Pakistan's North West Frontier province—it could be one man's journey out of the pages of Rudyard Kipling a century ago.

Yet with his flowing robes, long white beard and skull cap, John Butt, 57, is at the centre of a very modern struggle in Peshawar, the capital of a province amply supplied with guns and religion.

Butt has single-handedly started a groundbreaking radio programme called *Across the Border*, broadcast over a network of independent stations to listeners in Afghanistan and Pakistan. A public schoolboy and professional broadcaster, a convert to Islam and respected cleric, he has brought his combination of talents to the battle against militants who preach violence in the name of God.

*Across the Border* uses the voices of ordinary men and women to fight the ignorance that extremists exploit. The formula has won popularity, with one survey showing that 59% of listeners in Afghanistan's eastern province of Nangarhar tune in.

"Islamic traditions of hospitality, tolerance, generosity... By highlighting such things we try to show that militancy and extremism have no place in true Islamic tradition," Butt told *The Sunday Times*.

The programme aims to reach the south and east of Afghanistan, where the insurgency is at its strongest, and the troubled border areas of Pakistan. "We would like it to be a Radio 5 for the region," added Butt, "a mixture of vox pops, song, drama and reports."

From his base in Peshawar, Butt directs a team of 35 reporters. He also goes into the field himself and conducts interviews.

The interviews, he says, lead listeners to identify with a problem—such as violence in the name of religion—and its effects on the lives of innocents and thus

to its solution, "that people should settle their differences by peaceful discussion rather than shooting each other".

By using traditional music and interviews with local people, he produces reports that dispel the Taliban's warped interpretation of Islam. "It is much more effective to have someone local coming out and saying, 'No, this is wrong', and them justifying it with Islam than us telling them how they should live—it appeals to them," Butt said.

"This is a programme that makes people aware; it is based on common people's problems and their life and, importantly, trying to find solutions."

Born in Trinidad but brought up in the leafy suburbs of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, Butt converted to Islam 37 years ago. His journey from schoolboy at Stonyhurst College to peacemaker and mullah started when he left England as a young hippie in 1969. It was in Afghanistan and Pakistan during Ramadan in the next year that he converted to Islam. Since then he has divided his time between Pakistan, India, Afghanistan and Cambridge.

During this period he became a mullah and the Muslim chaplain at Cambridge University, where for two or three weeks every term he returns to lead prayers and guide students.

His ease among the warlike Pashtu people who call the restive border areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan home and his acceptance among them have been hard earned. He immersed himself in Islamic study and in 1984 he graduated from the prestigious Darul Uloom Deoband madrasah in India. He remains the only westerner to have done so.

After graduating, he started his career in journalism, eventually working for the BBC and starting a radio soap opera in Afghanistan, loosely based on *The Archers*, which made him a household name in the war-torn country.

Among his seven languages, Butt is fluent in Pashtu, the language spoken by

the Taliban movement and all those who live in the border regions. His familiarity with a tongue few outsiders can speak, and with the customs, the religion and the area has won him a respect among the people enjoyed by few, if any, foreigners.

Butt decided to use his hard-won respect and contacts to tackle the extremism and violence that is blighting the region.

The tool of Butt's war on religious violence is not the military means of bombs, guns and mortars, but dialogue. "Theologically, Islam answered the questions I had harboured about certain aspects of Christianity—like the divinity of Jesus," he says. "Socially also, I liked how Islam fitted into everyday life."

Butt believes in the educational power of radio and after his work in Afghanistan and central Asia he started the Pak/Afghan Cross-border Radio Training and Production (Pact) project, which produces *Across the Border*, in 2004.

What is so remarkable is that only in the past few months has Butt won funding for the Pact project, after the initial funding ran out over eight months ago. Drawing no salary and unable to pay its staff, the project continued nonetheless. "If I don't have any money, that's my problem," said Shoaib Zada, a 27-year-old producer, explaining his own commitment to the programme in hard times. "But if this radio programme stops it is everyone's problem."

Butt says he is not aware of any threats against him, pointing out that everything in the broadcasts conforms to Islam and to local traditions.

"My life in Cambridge is quite sedate and my life here in Peshawar quite turbulent," he reflects. "Strangely enough, the peace and spiritual fulfilment, for which I came to the East, is now more accessible in Cambridge. Here in the East it is all struggle."

*Article published in The Sunday Times, 9 December 2007.*

# PIRATES OFF BRAZIL

SIMON KURS

*On December 23 2007 The Times reported that Adrian Flanagan OS 74–79 was one of the closest contenders to Lewis Hamilton for the 2007 "InGear Man of the Year" award. The first man to sail solo through the Russian Arctic sea, Flanagan is now hoping to complete his epic journey in the spring. Asked what next upon his return, he said: "I rather like the idea of getting a microlight licence and flying across Australia." This report was published in The Sunday Times, 23 October 2007.*

THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE out there who will say there are no new adventures left in this world. Adrian Flanagan is not one of them. Over the past two years the British yachtsman has visited some of the planet's most inhospitable and least-travelled waters, braving tropical storms, monstrous waves and months of solitude in the process.

And when he finally steers his 36ft yacht back into the Solent this spring he will become the first person to have sailed solo "vertically" around the world – that means by way of the Arctic Ocean rather than around Australia and via the Indian Ocean.

Since setting off from Southampton in October 2005, the 46-year-old former osteopath from near Bicester, Oxfordshire, has travelled nearly 30,000 miles in his steel-hulled sloop, named Barrabas, traversing the searing heat of the tropics, venturing as far south as the treacherous Cape Horn and up to the frozen ice floes of northern Russia.

Along the way he remortgaged his house to pay the £250,000 cost of the trip. At one point he enlisted the help of Roman Abramovich, the billionaire owner of Chelsea football club, in order to arrange passage through Russian waters.

He's crossed paths with polar bears and whales, been capsized twice and

even had a run-in with pirates off the coast of Brazil.

They followed his boat for two days and nights waiting for him to fall asleep. He didn't. "Sitting on deck with a loaded shotgun on my knees waiting for attack is not much fun," Flanagan recounts.

Yet the closest he came to losing his life was a mere three days into the trip,

"It was freezing in the water and I could feel my shoulder dislocating as the boat dragged me. I felt, with absolute certainty, that I was gone. Then the next thing I knew I was on the deck again – miraculously. A wave had just picked me up and dumped me back."

That may have been the scariest moment, but the sailor is unequivocal about the biggest challenge. Navigating the waters off Cape Horn while going from east to west meant sailing against the prevailing winds and current and put all his seamanship skills to the test.

Only a handful of solo mariners have achieved this feat. So treacherous are the conditions, so demanding the physical challenge, that it is regarded as the boating equivalent of conquering Everest.

The 1,000-mile passage took about three weeks to complete, but about halfway through disaster struck as hurricane gusts

almost crushed his boat. In quick succession Barrabas was knocked over twice by monstrous waves. As a result many gallons of water poured into the cabin, causing an electrical fire.

"There was sewage swilling everywhere," recalls Flanagan. "The boat was being thrown around in this massive storm and I couldn't even see my hand in front of my face because of the smoke. I was just standing on the table shouting.

"I lunged for the boat and just managed to catch hold of the guardwire with my middle finger, but I had no way of getting back on," he says.



*Ready for pirates off Brazil*



*A little Russian help*

the first man to sail solo around the globe, and when he read it as a 15-year-old, Flanagan became sure it was what he wanted to do.

Compared with other circumnavigations, such as that of Dame Ellen MacArthur, this has been a decidedly low-tech affair. Flanagan has survived with little more kit than a radio, laptop and satellite phone onboard, all powered by a wind generator and solar cells. And with no television or DVD player to occupy his time, he has spent much of the trip reading “all manner of books”, from John Grisham novels to studies of Oriental philosophy.

Nor is there a costly support team. Flanagan’s ex-wife Louise has taken on the sole mantle of expedition manager back home (as well as looking after his two young sons), providing moral support and helping out whenever there’s been a problem.

There is, however, one surprising patron of the expedition – Abramovich, who, besides his love of football, is a noted sailing enthusiast. In fact, it’s unlikely the attempt would have been

completed without his help, after Russian authorities refused to allow Barrabas to enter its Arctic waters, thereby blocking the only way to complete a vertical circumnavigation.

After efforts by the Home Office had failed to produce the necessary visa, Louise contacted Abramovich’s people out of sheer desperation, and her efforts paid off.

The oligarch used his influence as governor of Chukotka, an autonomous area in the northeast of the country, to fix passage for Flanagan – something that had never before been granted to a solo sailor. It was a bureaucratic nightmare, according to Flanagan, and one he is glad to have escaped.

So what of the future? “The idea of seeing my children again is appealing enough,” says the adventurer. “And I certainly won’t be doing any more sailing . . . but I do like the idea of getting a microlight licence, and maybe flying across Australia.”

*For the latest information on Adrian’s progress go to the Alpha Global expedition website: <http://alphaglobalex.com>.*

*Some social life in the Arctic*



“Yet it was at that moment that I realised I had nothing to be afraid of. My boat had survived everything the storm had thrown at me. It was a real turning point.”

But though the hull remained intact, Flanagan’s mast suffered serious damage and required urgent repairs in Hawaii before he could continue the journey north towards the Bering Strait, the narrow channel that separates Russia and Alaska.

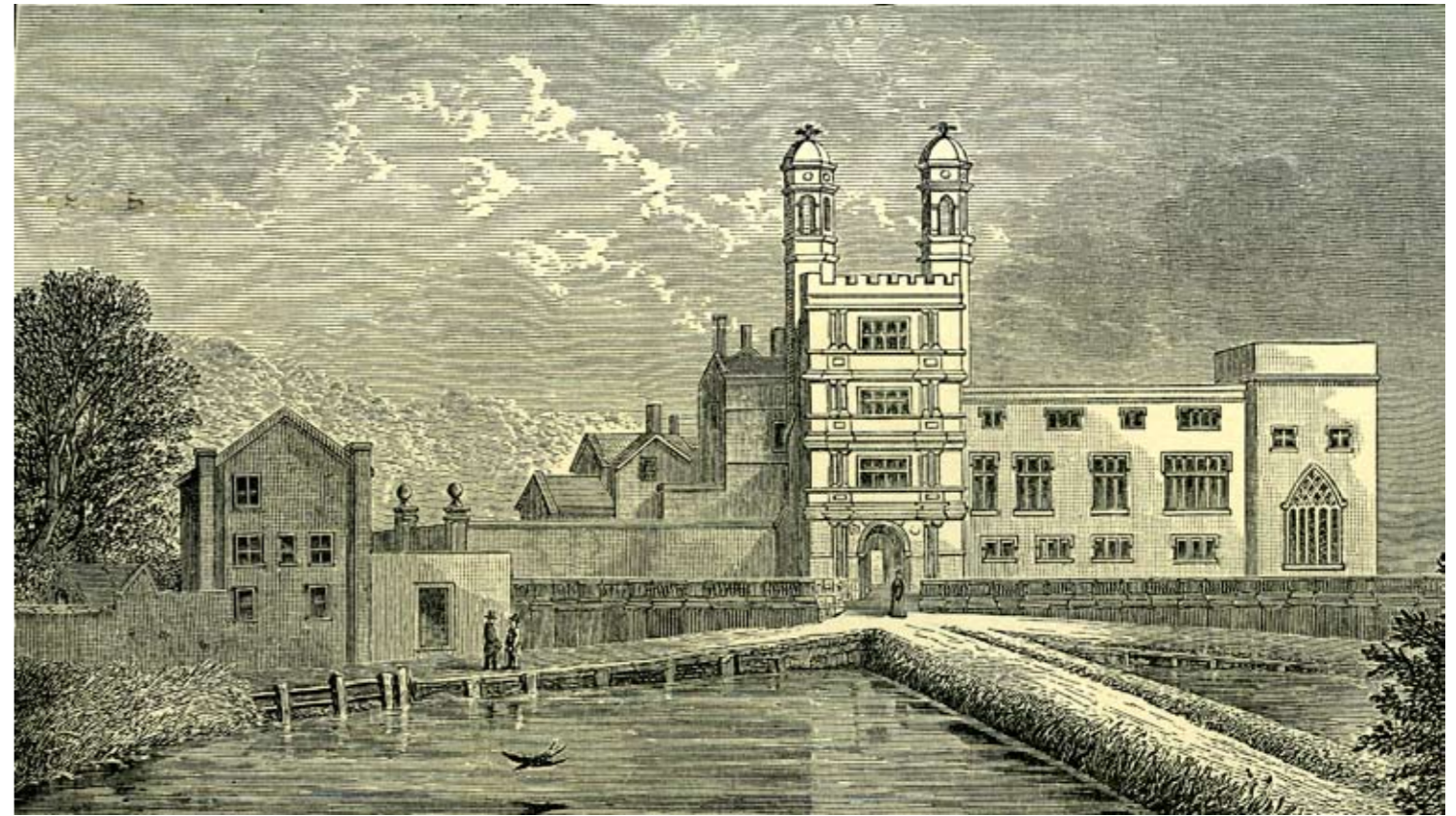
This stretch of water is frozen for much of the year and can be crossed by boat only for a short period during summer. However, by the time that Barrabas was fixed, and Flanagan had obtained permission to cross Russian waters in September 2006, it was already too late. As a result, he was forced to leave his boat in Nome, Alaska, until July this year, when he returned to continue his quest.

Last week he was in Mehamn in Norway having made it through the Arctic Ocean over the course of the summer. With only about 1,600 miles to go, Flanagan is now on the home stretch of his circumnavigation attempt, and is biding his time, waiting for a suitable gap in the weather to proceed. Yet he insists that it is not the allure of a record that has provided the motive to keep going.

Rather, he says he was first inspired to sail around the world by a book he read as a teenager, called *Gipsy Moth Circles the World*. It charts the voyage of Sir Francis Chichester who in 1967 became

# SONS OF FOREIGN GENTLEMEN

DAVID MERCER



WHEN GEORGE CLIFFORD broke into the house at Stonyhurst in 1794, taking possession of a new home for his school, it meant more than a change of address. The English College, founded at St Omers for the sons of English (and American) gentlemen, slowly lost its continental character but also its insularity as it welcomed other nationalities into its fold.

The first ‘foreigners’ came from Ireland and also Scotland—especially the Border Region. For some, Scottish schools might be more distant, and Stonyhurst became a natural choice instead. Among the first to arrive were Fraser of Lovat and then William Constable-Maxwell (Lord Herries) followed by five sons who came with his butler’s two sons. These last were to become distinguished Jesuits. Presently the redoubtable Fr Gerard SJ and his brother arrived. One of Lord Herries sons inherited Traquair House and became a Maxwell-Stuart and his sons also came to the College. Before this and after, however, there were links between Stonyhurst, the Stuarts and

Scotland, where Jacobitism had recently flourished and rebellion was almost a way of life.

The rising in 1715 had posed a serious threat to the Hanoverian government, especially in Scotland and would possibly have succeeded but for the incompetence of the Jacobite commanders. Rightly expecting support, a combined force of Scots and English came into Lancashire but were trapped and outnumbered at Preston where they surrendered. The night before, a group of would-be rebels were seen casting bullets for the cause at Stonyhurst where the owner, Sir Nicholas Shireburn had made no secret of his Jacobite sympathies. When the authorities came to arrest him he simply refused to let them in and due to his influence or popularity they let the matter drop and the trouble died down. But after this, English Jacobites lost heart and slowly changed with the times.

Not so in Scotland and the rebellion of 1745 caused the downfall of many Jacobite families. Several were executed and their estates and titles attained. Fraser of

Lovat should have inherited his father’s title before he came to Stonyhurst but he was not to become Lord Lovat until Victorian times when the family were finally pardoned. It was the same with Lord Herries.

With the collapse of the Jacobite cause after Culloden, Prince Charles Edward Stuart dispersed his followers, taking to the heather as he fled towards the Western Isles in the hope of escaping to France. During his wanderings, a tartan ‘sute of Highland cloathes’ was given to him by Catriona Macdonald of Borrodale to protect him on his voyage to the Outer Hebrides and give a better disguise. A part of this suit was later left with Donald Campbell of Scalpay and eventually came into the possession of the College who are now part owners of the pattern. They used it in the uniform and gave it a Scottish flavour, unusual in an English school. When she visited in 1990, HM the Queen was presented with a bolt of the material and some of this was later seen adorning the person of Prince Edward as a pair of trows. He becomes

# LION RAMPANT

DAVID MERCER

*The 21<sup>st</sup> century has been good to Scotland so far. There is a feeling of Risorgimento and a new-found sense of confidence. Devolution has brought privileges and Scots seem to dominate at Westminster and much else besides. With that in mind, I thought it a good idea to revisit the region (always a pleasure) and gather news of OS who live there.*

**DR MYLES CLARKE OS 45–51** was discovered at the head of a glen leading down to the Solway. He took some finding and I had been warned that the track got a little rough once I had passed the farm. From the inn and the local characters, I gathered that smuggling had once been rife and one could see why. He was cosily ensconced in a finely furnished farmhouse where a celebration was about to start and the table was laid out with a freshly caught salmon from the Firth enjoying pride of place.

Myles Clarke retired from general practice in Liverpool where he was also a police surgeon and he maintained his interest in forensic medicine into retirement, 'helping the police with their enquiries'. He proudly showed me his other particular hobby with a model layout for, not trains, but trams and streetcars. He had examples from all over the globe including one of course called 'Desire'. Otherwise he plays golf and enjoys gardening.

His sons **Jeremy** and **Nicholas** are also OS.

NOT FAR AWAY IN A SNUG LITTLE COTTAGE with sunken garden and friendly but athletic Border Terrier lives **James Traverse Healey OS 38–43** and his wife. He left the College during the war and was commissioned into the Royal Marines, at the tender mercy of **Jumbo Lester OS**, who did not esteem him highly, although they both later joined the same London club. After this, his career was in advertising, mainly for *The Times*, and periodicals such as *Newsweek*. Later he worked for his wife's successful company selling their soft toys.

Retiring to Scotland for peace, quiet and economy he plays golf and reads a lot. They have two girls.

A LITTLE FURTHER ALONG THE SOLWAY ARE the **Ansbro** family who originally came

from Blackburn. **Oliver OS 92–98** went into the family building supplies firm after doing Computer Science at Hertford University. **Alastair 95–00** spent a gap year in Nepal before going to Aberdeen University for an MA in Geography. He now teaches at Tain Academy in Glenmorangie country. **Joe OS 99–04** has now graduated from Cambridge collecting a couple of Blues along the way and has become a professional rugby player with Northampton Saints. We hope to see him in the 'Six Nations' fairly soon.

IN THE SAME AREA ARE THE **LANGFORD** family. **Luke OS 00–05** studied Languages at Nottingham University and has recently left St Petersburg, where he went to study Russian and will soon go to Argentina for Spanish. **Gabriel OS 01–06** had a gap year in South America and is doing Architecture at Newcastle. Mrs Langford's uncle **Jack Unwin** was at Stonyhurst but died at the age of 14.

FURTHER WEST IN THE **MACHERS** LIVES **Philip Solomon OS 02–06** who eschewing university has entered his family's business, the craft of violin repair and restoration. He has always done it in a small way but now he is in it for real, and also enjoys playing the instrument. Despite the distance, he maintains contact with the friends in the Ribble Valley. The sea fishing is good where he lives but his other major interest is motor cycles.

AT THE END OF **GALLOWAY** IN **STRANRAER** live the **Petrucis**. **Marco OS 95–00** had the distinction of a gap year commission in the Army which he spent mainly in Germany. Then he read Civil Engineering at Edinburgh and after his Master's degree decided to rejoin the Army with a 4 year commission. He passed out of Sandhurst last summer and after a training spell in Malawi is now in Wales. His parents considered a boarding school

was best for him and sent him to the nearest, which strangely happened to be Stonyhurst, to follow in the footsteps of his cousin, Romano.

**Romano Petrucci OS 79–85** had a difficult time after leaving the College. He missed the right course at the right university because his results came through too late. Missing the guidance of his father who had died not long before, he left university after eight months and returned home to help his mother run a café which fortunately prospered. Presently he branched out but with less success so taking time off with a cousin in N. America, he studied his business methods and applied them back home and has been successful ever since.

He is married and they have three children, all keen Celtic supporters and he also enjoys a game of golf — mainly on TV. He is also a good musician and was a *rara avis* at Stonyhurst, a bagpiper and one with an Italian name, one reason perhaps for being able to tell his children that they were the best days of his life.

Nearly one hundred years after the **Petrucis** left Tuscany to try their luck in Scotland, they have diversified into farming, cafes, law, the army, medicine and even movies — his younger sister had a part in the film 'In Love and War'.

**SIR ARCHIBALD DUNBAR BT. AND Lady Dunbar** are Associate members living near Elgin and are genuine Scots. He is also a Knight of Malta and after reading Agriculture at Cambridge entered the Colonial Service in Uganda. She was a teacher until she married, but now they run the estate. Their choice of schools nearby was limited but Lady Dunbar had a cousin who was OS and they liked what they saw of the playroom system and so sent their son **Edward OS 88–95** to the College. He read Geography at Aberdeen University and worked in the wine trade for nine years but a recent reunion at the College inspired him to retrain in estate management. Still a wine lover, he enjoys five-a-side football, golf and cross-country running. He is married and lives in Edinburgh.

THE **McFARLANE** FAMILY LIVE IN Perthshire and two of them, **Patrick** and **Lucy** are still at the College. **Claire OS 99–01** went on to Leeds University qualifying as a mud technologist and now uses synthetic mud to lubricate oil drills. It must be exactly right for the nature of the rocks and without it petrol would be even more expensive. **James OS 98–03**

attended Edinburgh University and now works in London for the UBS bank.

Alexander, the father is in general practice after hospital work but is also involved in disability assessment medicine and is a panellist on the Fitness to Practice Council for the GMC. He was a founder member of the Scottish Catholic Medical Association and is now studying law. He enjoys golf and curling.

His wife Jane is also in medicine and is SRN/RSCN. She is Deputy Head of Care at Rachel House, Scotland's first children's hospice and is also doing further study for an MSc at Dundee in children's palliative care.

**PAUL CHEETHAM OS 51–57** READ GREATS at Oxford and then taught Classics at Douai. Later he did a B.Phil. in English, again at Oxford and after a time in an obscure and secretive branch of the Civil Service, taught English in Abingdon but when his wife obtained a job in Stirling he began 'sleeping with the enemy' by teaching at Fettes, Tony Blair's old school. On retirement he worked for their Former Pupils Association but felt compelled to teach again when the Head of English died suddenly. He has three grown up children and enjoys travelling and looking after a 17<sup>th</sup> century town house with a very large garden.

50 years ago, he was Head of the Line.



ALSO HEAD OF THE LINE WAS **HUGH Trappes-Lomax OS 56–61** whom I once met in the bar of the 'Isaac Walton', a tiny thatched pub with mud walls in Embu, Kenya, sometime in the 60s. He read History at Trinity College, Oxford, before teaching for seven years in Kenya and now lives in Edinburgh. He returned to do a postgraduate course in Applied Linguistics which led on to jobs in Sociology, Linguistics and Applied Language Studies and most recently at the Moray House School of Education, although he did manage a sunny interlude of ten years at the University of Dar-es-Salaam.

He and his wife Jocelyn have a house in Meru, Kenya (where she comes from) and have a beautiful garden where they can 'offer OS, freshly picked coffee beans, passion fruit, pineapples and avocado pears at competitive rates – unpasteur-

ised milk too.' They have four children and two grandchildren.

**JAMES CAMPBELL OS 62–71** read Zoology at Edinburgh but after a gap year in India and Nepal his health suffered. He worked for a time with the Nature Conservancy in Edinburgh, joined the Scottish Wildlife Trust and did an MSc in Ecology before developing M.E. in '83-'84. He is married with no children. He maintains an interest in wildlife and nature but mainly from an armchair. His father was a teacher at Stonyhurst.

**CHARLES JORDAN OS 47–56** WENT TO Glasgow University and then Trinity College Dublin. He joined Morgan Grenfell and married a Scots girl. In 1973, they moved to Aberdeenshire and Charles started a Computer Systems company doing Digital Education Publishing ([www.liveecon.com](http://www.liveecon.com)) selling text books on economics. He has four daughters and two grand-daughters and enjoys salmon fishing and shooting and skiing. He also takes an active interest in Kitchener Scholarships which support young boys from military backgrounds. His grandfather commanded the Connaught Rangers but sent Charles's father **Henry** to Stonyhurst in 1915. The family moved to Scotland in the 1920s.

**JEREMY HUTHWAITE OS 78–86** TOOK a first class honours degree at North London Polytechnic, as he says, not bad for someone who found classwork rather challenging. He then became a wireline engineer working in Nigeria before nine hard cold years in the Northern North Sea. Then back to the sun in Angola, Libya and now wireline operations manager for most of Western Africa, he is about to move to Algeria as Customer Services Manager for Baker Hughes.

He says he 'has one beautiful daughter aged eleven and several horses and one dog.' When home, he lives in London and Aberdeen.

His brother **Chris OS 78–86** is a Major in the Royal Artillery currently deployed in Afghanistan.

**DR NIALL KENNY OS 78–80** READ Zoology at Edinburgh gaining a degree and Ph D and then decided to take a year out as a professional musician but then re-trained in Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge. He is a partner in one of the largest veterinary practices in the UK and although he still enjoys his music, he is also interested in the history of his profession. He collects rare books on the

the second royal prince to use it. At the College, there is a room, splendidly decorated in oak panelling and the same tartan, known as the Stuart Parlour. It is used for meetings and private dinner parties and has paintings of the Stuart family on the walls, including the uncrowned James III. What the Queen made of these somewhat treasonable exhibits is unrecorded.\*

The pictures came from the Villa Alberoni in Rome whose previous owner, Cardinal Alberoni was an ardent Jacobite. He instigated an invasion in 1719 by Spanish troops to join another rebellion. They held Eilean Donan castle on Loch Alsh until the Royal Navy battered it into submission and were beaten at the battle of Glenshiell.

The Scottish connection goes further back with the mementoes of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, now housed in the Collections. There is a lock of her hair and religious relics and a prayer book supposedly carried to her execution and handed to her confessor on the scaffold. These and other items came into the hands of the Jesuits of the English College and were brought with them to Stonyhurst.

There are relatively few Scottish OS and most of those resident in Scotland seem to be English 'settlers'. Strangely, however there is one family represented in the school, related to that illustrious Irish rebel, Thomas Francis Meagher by way of Newfoundland and then Scotland and so back to Stonyhurst. Scots OS are a small clan but tend to be very exclusive.

\* *The Borrodale tartan is to be the subject of a forthcoming article in the Stonyhurst Magazine by Tom Massey-Lynch.*

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Below: *The Association Committee meeting in the Stuart Parlour today.*



subject in which he is also an advisor to several institutions. He is married with twin daughters aged eight.

**PETER PAGE OS 76–81** HAS BEEN LIVING in Scotland on and off for over twenty years, having originally moved to Edinburgh to work for Ross Breeders. After the College, he read agriculture at Wye College, University of London, which led him to jobs and research work in foreign parts, including Uganda, Kenya, the Falklands, and Antarctica. After spells smoking salmon in Glenfarg, running the wines and hotels for Adnams in Suffolk, and marketing Aviagen, he is now back in Scotland as Chief Executive of DEVRO plc, the world's largest sausage-casing firm, based in Glasgow. He is married to Sally, from Perthshire, and has four sons.

**DR PAUL ALLAN OS 59–68** STUDIED Medicine at UCL, London and Westminster Hospital Medical School. He obtained a BSc in Anatomy and MB and BS and became a member of the College of Physicians in 1978.

He trained in Radiology at Edinburgh becoming Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant at the Royal Infirmary but left to concentrate clinical radiology rather than teaching and research and was appointed Clinical Director, Radiology for NHS Lothian in 2003. He has much involved in committees and was President of BMUS (1998–2000) and the Scottish Radiological Society (2004–2006).

He married Helen Hoof in 1978 and moving to Edinburgh, found that his parish priest at the Sacred Heart was his former teacher Peter Fleming and has kept in touch with OS through his church. They have two sons but after having three generations of doctors in the family, they have chosen different careers.

His brother **Terence OS 63–72** also went to Stonyhurst as did his cousin, **Mark Thompson OS 70–75** of the BBC.

**JULIAN HULL OS 45–52** GRADUATED from Sheffield University and became a Chartered Accountant before going into the army for National Service in the UK and Germany. He did public accounting for a few years and then joined a US oilfield supply and service company first in Benghazi, Libya and afterwards for thirty years in Singapore where he and his wife raised their family of two girls.

He is not working at present he says but his interests include walking, horse racing and reading.

FLUENCY IN SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE enabled the life of **Anthony Burnet KHS, OS 56–63** to be something of a roving commission. He left the College to spend two years at the University of Pennsylvania but left early to work as area manager for Coles Cranes in South America at the ripe old age of 21, but then joined Baker Perkins in the packaging industry. He was not too happy and meeting the Managing Director of Coles in the street one day, he decided to return to them and stayed for five years. He somehow found time to get married and joined Bell's Whisky covering the Latin American area, from Louisville, Kentucky. After two years he went to Compair International, selling mining and rock drilling equipment in Brazil, backed out of going to Angola or Mozambique as MD but took to whisky again and joined the company which makes Glenmorangie. In 1977 he left to set up a Spanish brandy company, later rejoining Glenmorangie until he retired last year, to enjoy shooting, tennis, travelling and driving the more interesting type of car.

His two sons are also OS.



WE HAPPENED TO BE IN THE LOVELY village of Cartmel one fine summer day when we became aware of the number of well set up young men scattered around the square and outside the pubs. Many seemed to know each other and it looked rather like an OS reunion but more restrained. Presently it became clear that they were Army and were there for a wedding at the Priory. Recognising the badge which is a bit like the Bayley coat of arms, as that of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, I asked if **Nick Burnet OS 88–94** was with them and a little later a huge dragoon marched over with spurs jingling and sword swinging to introduce himself as one of the guard of honour, and tell us news of other Army OS.

Nick graduated from Aberdeen in Geography and went to Sandhurst. His eight years in the army included two tours in Bosnia. Three years ago he was married to Emma and now works for the Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh.

**Alex OS 89–98** read Economics at Aberdeen and then an MSc in IT. He

works for Fujitsu in London providing computer services.

The family are Scottish.

**TIM DENVIR OS 49–58** SAYS HE WENT to Scotland for the scenery and the hill-walking and hopes eventually to do all the Munros. He read Mathematics at Cambridge and set up his own business in computer programming and software research, consulting and advising governments. He is currently writing a book on the history of software engineering and is an honorary professor in the Computer Science Department of Stirling University. He has two children and three grandchildren and a brother John who also came to the College.

Besides hill walking, his interests include music and concerts and of course computing.

**JAMES PENNY OS 55–64** WENT TO GLASGOW University to read Law and is now a solicitor in Ayr. He is married with three children and enjoys golf and curling. He does voluntary work for 'Headway', an organisation for people with head injuries and 'Crossroads', which cares for those caring for others. There were family connections with Stonyhurst and a cousin and a second cousin came here. Very happy at school, he has only been back once, for Fr Macadam's Jubilee but keeps meaning to come again.

ANOTHER SOLICITOR IS **DAVID KIERAN OS 53–63**. Originally from Ireland, he read Law at St Andrew's University and does childcare and adoption work with a local authority. He is married with three children and enjoys all kinds of sport, especially rugby and horse racing. He is keen on classical music and singing and is an enthusiastic member of the choir of his church, St Peter's in Edinburgh.

**JOHN BATH OS 73–74** WENT TO GLASGOW Academy after the College and then entered the insurance industry but was also involved in youth work and 'Youth for the Missions' in Portugal and Northern Ireland and later had his own car-valetting and garage business. He is married with one girl and two boys and came back to the College five years ago on holiday. Rugby is his main interest but he is also a car enthusiast. He is a member of 'Rotaract'

PROFESSOR ANTHONY BUSUTTIL IS A doctor and an Associate member. Having attended St Aloysius, Malta, himself,

Stonyhurst was an obvious choice for his three sons, **Godwin OS 81–88** who is a barrister, **Christopher 83–91** who is also a doctor, specialising in Accident and Emergency medicine, and **Joseph OS 88–96** who is in IT.

Professor Busuttill is a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. His grand-daughter was christened at Stonyhurst by Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ.

**DR MARTIN HADSHAR OS 65–70** became a GP after Oxford and Newcastle Medical School and is married with children who take up most of his spare time. He also fits in some gardening and hill walking and more recently, golf. Originally bound for Beaumont, when that closed he came to Stonyhurst.

**PAUL CHITNIS OS 74–79** LEFT MEDICAL school to work with terminally ill people in the Cheshire Homes. He set up the Newman Trust in 1981 and was its Chair for many years before going to Nottingham University. He worked with refugees in Somalia before joining HCPT as Communications Director. After working for the Sick Children's Trust, Christian Aid where he had responsibility for Christian Aid Week, and Crossroads, Paul became Chief Executive of SCIAF, the official relief and development agency of the Catholic Church in Scotland where he has been for 12 years. Paul is currently President of CIDSE, a network of European and North American Catholic aid agencies during which time he led a delegation of Cardinals and bishops to lobby G8 leaders before their Summits in Gleneagles in 2005 and Germany in 2007. He is on the board of Scottish Churches World Exchange, an overseas volunteer sending agency. Apart from this, he has found the time to get married and has five children to keep him busy. Paul enjoys squash and running. He is a Eucharistic Minister in his local parish.

**RORY PETRE OS 83–88** TOOK A DIPLOMA in Agriculture at Edinburgh and then an MSc in Tropical Animal Production and Health before working in India and then Afghanistan training paravets for the Dutch Committee of Afghanistan. There he met his future wife, a Dutch

child psychiatrist with *Medecins sans Frontieres*. They now have three sons and live in Southern Africa where he is involved in 'Fair Trade' activities.

**BEN PETRE OS 81–86** GAINED A FIRST at London University in Modern Greek and German and then an MA at Monash University in Melbourne where he also found time to work as a DJ for a Greek Radio Station. Later he married a Cretan girl and they live in Heraklion where he teaches English and does translation work for the National Museum. They have one daughter.

**IAN SOUTHWARD OS 53–63** READ HISTORY at Wadham College, Oxford and then became a solicitor in Salisbury. After retirement and moving to Scotland, he retrained and now teaches English as a foreign language. He enjoys climbing, skiing and sailing. His attendance at his local church helps him keep in touch with Jesuits and many other OS.



His brother **Nick OS 56–65** went to Mons Officer Cadet School after the College and was commissioned into the 13/18 Hussars. He served on the staff of Peter de la Biliere in the first Gulf War for which he was awarded the OBE and retired as a Lieutenant-Colonel to become Inspector General of the Hong Kong Military Service Corps. He was then an attaché at the British Embassy in Bratislava and continued for a year with the Slovak Defence Ministry. He is now Liaison Officer (Recruitment) for the Scottish and Northumbrian Universities. He likes shooting and fishing and maintains a keen interest in rugby.

They both live in Edinburgh

A far cry from 'Auld Reekie' lives

**Michael Taylor OS 42–52** who was commissioned into the army for National Service serving in Malaya, and still sometimes wears a sarong. He studied medieval art history at London and became curator of Early Christian, Byzantine and Medieval Art at the British Museum but left after a few years to do the soup run for the St Mungo Community whose founder had a cottage on Skye and sent Michael there for a holiday. Immediately he knew he would spend the rest of his life there and for 22 years lived in a tiny cottage on the edge of the sea, milking cows, no telephone or television and describes it as paradise. (see photo)

When he arrived, there were about ten Catholics and only visiting priests. Now it is a parish with two churches and a growing congregation of about two hundred and he is the sacristan and instructs converts for the busy priest. Twelve years ago, he married Jane Howard and from previous relationships they have two sons and seven grandchildren.

His interests are theology, salmon fishing, books and nearly everything except football. Stonyhurst looms largely in his life and he says 'I owe it and the good Jesuits, more than I can possibly realise. The High Masses at school are amongst the greatest experiences of my life...'

**DAVID CREAN**, ORIGINALLY from Ireland, is an Associate Member, who sent his son to the College on the strength of its rugby. He wanted a

boarding school for his son's education and knowing many of the 'famous names' in Stonyhurst Rugby, sent him to the College. He himself is now retired from running a small company involved in road construction and when he is not following rugby, may enjoy a game of golf.

His son **Patrick OS 86–91** works in London as a commercial property surveyor and of course is another rugby enthusiast.

Nowadays, OS who are genuine Scots, form a small and very exclusive clan. Most who live there are fairly recent immigrants or English people who have had the very good sense to make their homes there.

# ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER 2007

MARK BELDERBOS

**T**HE ANNUAL DINNER OF the Association was held at Stonyhurst on Saturday 15th December 2007.

The evening commenced with a Carol Service in the College Chapel at 6.15 pm. Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, a former Rector and Superior at the College, who led the opening prayer and concluded the Service with a final blessing, referred to the ceremony as a "unique" occasion, and it certainly provided a very good start to the evening, and created a Christmas atmosphere just ten days before Christmas Day. We were very grateful to Rosanne Allen for playing the organ for us, and to Stephen Belderbos (OS 86-94) for his Reading half way through the Service.

The Carol Service was followed by Drinks in the Top Refectory, which gave everyone an opportunity to mingle with one another and renew old acquaintances in a perfect setting. The Chairman, Christopher Page, offered a few words of welcome and encouraged us all to further develop our interest in all the activities of the Association.

In view of the numbers attending the Dinner, approximately 180, it was necessary, consequent upon Health & Safety Regulations, for the Dinner itself to be held in the Ambulacrum which, very elegantly prepared and decorated in its marquee status, was a perfect setting for the occasion. The College catering department provided an excellent meal, with a very generous self-service buffet for the main course, and a more than adequate supply of wines and port.

The President, Mark Belderbos (OS 56-61), extended a very warm welcome to the Guest of Honour Fr Michael

Holman SJ, the Provincial of the British Province of the Society of Jesus, and to the other Association Guests: Frs Michael O'Halloran, Billy Hewett (Chaplain of the Association), Hilary Thomas, Philip Endean and Adrian Howell (Superior of the College Community and Chaplain at St Mary's Hall), the College Headmaster Andrew Johnson and his wife Dawn, the Headmaster of St Mary's Hall Lawrence Crouch and his wife Christine, the two Heads of Line Fuchsia Hart & Tom O'Donnell and our organist Rosanne

for all her hard work and dedication in making all the necessary preparations for the Dinner.

Fr Provincial gave us an extremely positive and stimulating address, emphasising in particular the need to develop always the wonderful opportunity available to us, of fostering and promoting all Christian values and Ignatian teachings, not only in educational environments, but in every moment of our daily lives.

Andrew Johnson was able to report on much excellent progress on a number of fronts, with increasing numbers and expanding activities, both at the College and at St Mary's Hall, and provided much encouraging information both as to current developments and future proposals, academic and otherwise.

It was delightful to hear from the two Heads of Line, who both spoke extremely well and expressed their great satisfaction for the all-round education they had received, and the

many friendships they had developed while at the College. Congratulations to them both for their achievements, and particularly to Fuchsia who had been advised, on the day of the Dinner, that she had been awarded a place at the University of Oxford.

On Sunday morning, we celebrated Mass in the College Chapel, with Fr Billy Hewett (as the Association Chaplain) being the chief celebrant, accompanied by Frs O'Halloran, Thomas and Endean. Fr Billy gave us an entertaining and very meaningful homily and, with some stirring hymns and a very good attendance, it was a typical Stonyhurst liturgy, which provided us with a most appropriate and special ending to the weekend.



Above, left to right: Fr Adrian Howell SJ, Father Superior at Stonyhurst; Andrew Johnson, Headmaster; Fr Michael Holman SJ, Father Provincial; Stella and Mark Belderbos (OS 61, Association President).



Right, left to right: Christopher Ralling (OS 99), Simon Fell (OS99), Pippa Fell, Tamsin Sparrow, Rochelle Howie, Richard Birkhead (OS 99), and David Doran (OS 99).



Left, left to right: Peter Fattorini (OS 60), Denis (OS 60) and Mandy Brennan, Philip and Carol Grundy.

THE PATTERN OF OUR committee meetings has changed over the last couple of years, so that we now plan to have three 'administrative' meetings a year, held by telephone conference, and one half day meeting to discuss strategic issues. The Agenda for our most recent strategic meeting, held before the annual dinner on the 15th December, was headed by a quotation from a speech by Fr Peter Hans Kolvenbach to the World Jesuit Alumni in 2003, "This is a call to growth, a call to life. Who will answer? Who if not you? When if not now?"

To give form to the meeting we examined our aims and activities against the guidelines Fr Pedro Arrupe gave in 1975, namely:

1. To facilitate a deep personal conversion on the part of Jesuits and those with whom they work including former pupils, by which he meant "an unflinching inner process in which we mould our attitudes to the Good News of Christ and guide our whole life by the faith we profess";

2. To intensify our service for others and the implementation of human rights, especially the right to life;

3. To strengthen the apostolate of education and "in a special way to help our former students.....we Jesuits are morally obliged to carry on their formation, building on foundations laid down in our school days, and thus responding to the orientations and spirit of Vatican Two...."; and

4. In helping Jesuit Alumni to become more and more aware of the social and political issues that they face, and in this way to reach ever larger sectors of society.

We were helped in that discussion by the Father Provincial, Michael Holman, who first said Mass for us in our Sodality Chapel, and then gave us his thoughts about the purpose of alumni associations. He described the traditional elements, such as providing ongoing contact amongst former pupils and acting as a support structure for the College,

its staff and recent leavers. He also, echoing the words of Fr Arrupe, talked of the Association having an apostolic and sacramental function to encourage former pupils to make a difference where ever they are, to carry into the materialistic world that challenges us all the specifically Ignatian tradition to act "spiritu, corde, practice", by which he meant that we should act out of God's spirit, goodness, justice and joy, relating to others from the bottom of our hearts, and doing what is most helpful in caring for and guiding those around us.

The agenda (as always) followed our aims and activities listed elsewhere. We covered a large number of different points in looking at the means to those ends, including:

1. Our Office and Administrative back up. We agreed to ask a member of the Committee, a recent member of staff at the College, to look at this aspect, particularly bearing in mind the plans we have for the Association which will inevitably require more back up.

2. Our finances; we have been in communication with the College Bursar about fundraising generally, since we do not want to in any way spoil the College's own fundraising activities; so we are looking at ways of improving our income from other sources, in particular through the use of Gift Aid for subscriptions, and in looking at the way in which subscriptions are currently collected. We know we will need more income if we are to maintain our grants to young OS, our benevolent fund, our scholarship fund, as well as the administrative costs of running the office.

3. Our means of communication, in particular the Newsletter, the Web site, and other means such as Facebook. Inter alia we discussed how to improve our database, and make contact with more members.

4. Our gatherings and events; in particular, we considered developing more day retreats/walks, at the College, and elsewhere around the country (specifically in University towns to attract young members), to organize

retreats or discussion workshops at the College or other Jesuit retreat houses (some particularly directed at young parents and newly weds, others at specific professions or areas of ethical debate), to consider having a day in the year, perhaps the Feast of the St Omers' Martyrs, to act as a focal point for members, and on which to introduce the Association to current pupils at the College through a variety of events.

5. Our publications, especially from the St Omers Press; a particular need was identified to market the very high quality publications, particularly beyond the immediate 'Stonyhurst Family'.

6. Our use of our Chaplains in general, the idea of 'flying chaplains' in particular, of the virtual sodality, of the ideas of the Sodality/Christian Life Communities as developed over the last few years.

7. Our 'in house' Stonyhurst charities, our links with Eagle Aid, with Jesuit works such as the Jesuit Refugee Service, the Jesuit Missions, and with the Xavier Volunteer Programme for young and not so young OS. We discussed the idea of a directory of 'who is doing what' to act as an inspiration, to encourage mutual support, the swapping of experience and ideas, matching funds and people together.

8. Our links with other Jesuit alumni through the British Jesuit Alumni Committee and the Xavier Volunteer Programme (previously the Young BJA).

9. Our involvement in the College, at Academies and parents weekends, in helping pass on the traditions and ideals of the College to pupils and parents, in helping the College with fund raising, in providing careers advice to pupils and alumni.

The meeting ended with a talk about the College from the Headmaster, Andrew Johnson, and the Development Director, Mark Leslie, with whom we are of course eager to work very closely.

All in all, a busy and ambitious programme, in which we will need all the help you can give. Feel free to offer that help, in whatever way you think appropriate.

## The Land, The Bible, and History: Towards the Land that I will show you.

Alain Marchadour AA and David Neuhaus SJ, Foreword by Cardinal Carlo Martini SJ. Fordham University Press \$40

ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES that face those who are committed to finding a peaceful and just solution to the intricate set of problems that is the Holy Land today is its sheer complexity, especially at a time when the views of various brands of religious fundamentalist are most audible. This book is a quite exemplary presentation of some of the complexity, from two Catholic scripture scholars who are living and working in Jerusalem and who are committed to peace and to inter-religious dialogue. The strident voices of those who are given to an uncritical literalism in their religious faith bellow energetically for the elimination of The Other, and invoke divine sanctions in their support. Our task is the theological and hermeneutical one of listening out for the voice of God, which is always surprising, always tends to simplify our ill-tempered complexities, and always leads to peace. Neuhaus and Marchadour steer a sure course between some of the more obvious shoals, and gently warn us that we cannot ignore, much as we should like to, the implications of the creation in the course of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century of both the State of Israel and the Palestinian refugee problem, along with the shameful history of Christian contempt for Judaism, which we are slowly learning to admit and then to reject. This book is an outstanding contribution to the necessary measured and clear-eyed discussion of what God might be saying in this situation; and it is no good your objecting to my "bringing God into it", for one of the central strands of the problem is precisely the theological. For that reason, our authors start by looking at the way in which the theme of "the Land" is played out in the Christian Bible. The Land is the place of promise, but also the place where God's people are disobedient and find themselves in consequence once more in the wilderness. The authors deal honestly with the "troubling texts" where God's people destroy those who oppose them, and indicate how they cannot



be used today to justify in God's name murderous excesses on any side. They show how the experience of exile among the nations encouraged Jews towards a more universal vision, relativising the place of the Land in the understanding of what God is about here. They also show how the Resurrection had the same effect on the way in which Christians have understood the Land (though, alas, Christians have not always seen this with sufficient clarity).

After this necessary reading of the Jewish and Christian scriptures, in which they demonstrate an impressively authoritative command of the texts, the authors proceed to examine how the meaning of the Land changed in the course of history. The awkwardness (to put it no more strongly) of the Crusades is handled with delicacy and sensitivity; the authors cite some texts illustrative of what they aptly call the "triple geo-theology" which can narrow as well as enriching the Land as ideological space. They are quite frank about the history of Christian readings of Judaism and of the Land, from Justin Martyr onwards, while insisting that we must see the more offensive statements by certain Church

Fathers against the background of relatively peaceful co-existence between Jews and Christians in most places, most of the time. They also remind us that Judaism in the first century of our era was a very varied phenomenon, something that was forgotten after the Temple was destroyed and still more so after Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. They admit, too, some of the horrors of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Christian attitudes towards Judaism, and the contribution that those attitudes made to the Holocaust. Vatican II signalled an important change in Catholicism's official stance. At the same time, however, there was a further complicating factor in the fact that there were indigenous Palestinians (both Muslim and Christian) living in the Land and the need for the Church to recognise their rights also. Still further complicating the issue, of course, is the question of what it means to speak of the Bible as the "Word of God", and of what that permits us to do. Catholic attitudes towards Judaism and other religions have changed radically in the last generation or so, and Marchadour and Neuhaus provide us with some useful documentation of that fact, and illuminate its surprising but illuminating complexities. They are also speaking from inside knowledge when they talk authoritatively of the role and significance of the gallant patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabbah. In the end, the most important thing is to avoid the simplistic judgements that cloud the whole issue, and in their conclusion (which you should read even if you read nothing else of this book) they pen a quite beautiful meditation on Jesus and the Land. All our readings of the situation, we have to learn, are only partial, and do insufficient justice to the reality. The real threat to finding a way through the maze is fundamentalism of whatever hue. Neuhaus and Marchadour have made a most timely contribution to one of the most pressing problems of our age, and this book should be widely read by all those who are concerned about it.

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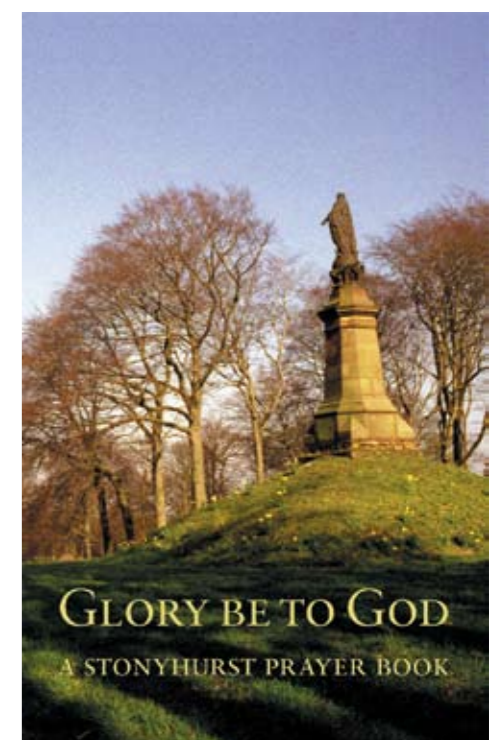
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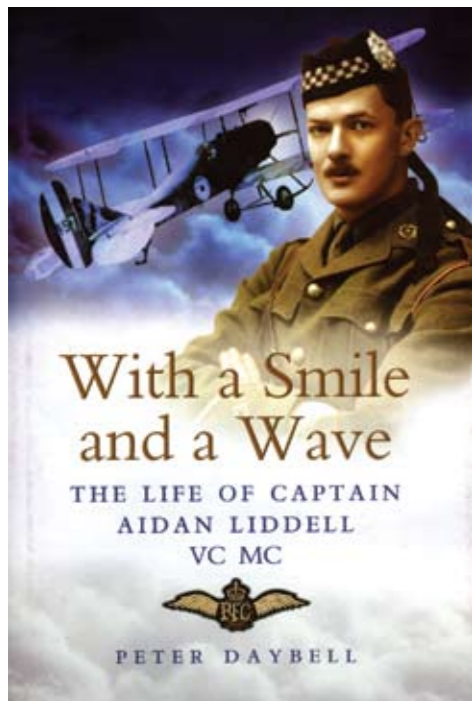
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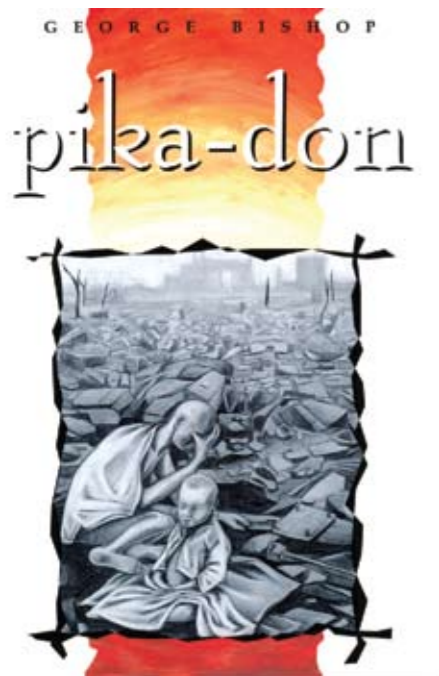
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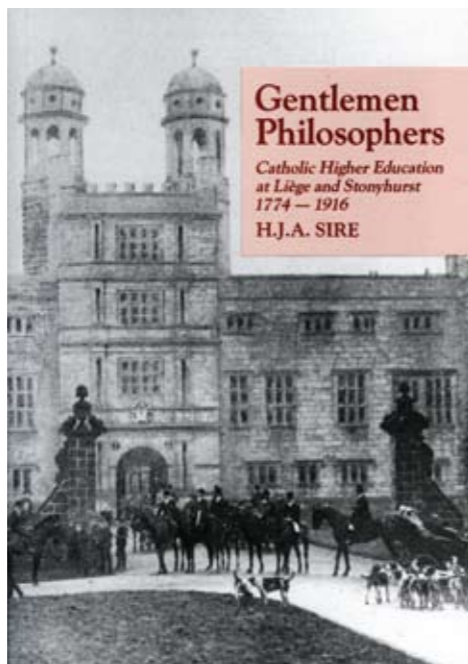




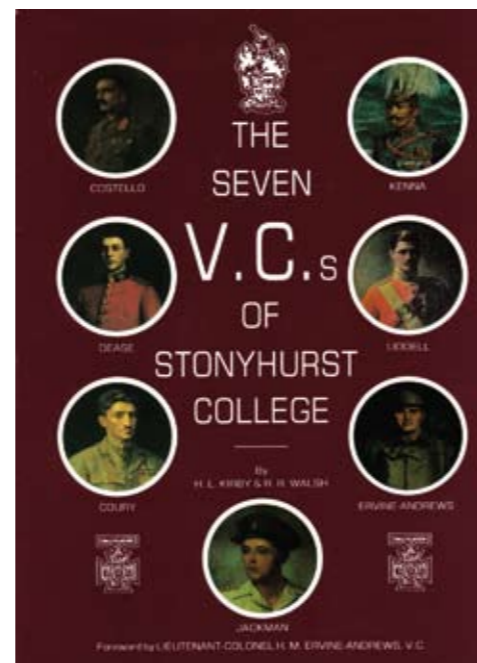
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Left: Hiroshima: hundreds of thousands annihilated in a split second, in the 'flash-bang' – 'Pika-Don' in Japanese. Death, excruciating pain and unexplained sickness scarred humanity. Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ was among the survivors, leading a small Jesuit community; their experiences of the aftermath, and their Christian response to the suffering, forms the central theme of this book. This is a true story, but as gripping as any novel; read it and you will walk through the ruins of Hiroshima with Pedro Arrupe and his colleagues, and witness the horrors they saw. *Pika-Don*, by George Bishop, published by Fisher Miller Publishing. 160 pages, paperback. £10.00.



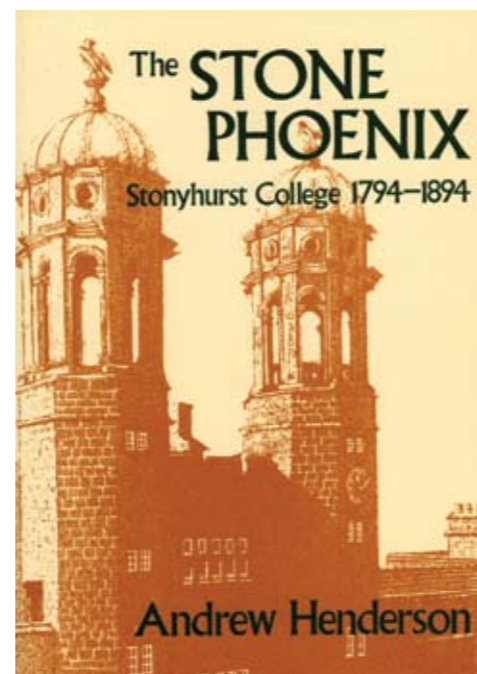
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Above: The Seven VCs of Stonyhurst College, by HL Kirby and RR Walsh, published by THCL Books. 136 pages, hardback. £15, limited signed edition.

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